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SUBJECT:US/EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: AFRICA

1. DANISH CHARGE KIMBERG, IN HIS EC PRESIDENCY CAPACITY,
CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (AF) HARROP MARCH 31
FOR REVIEW OF AFRICAN ISSUES PRIOR TO APRIL 7-8 EUROPEAN
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COUNCIL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN. DISCUSSION COVERED HORN OF
AFRICA, NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, AND EC-9 CODE OF CONDUCT.

2. HORN OF AFRICA. DAS HARROP REPORTED THAT ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MOOSE'S TALKS WITH SIAD BARRE HAD BEEN EXTENSIVE
AND USEFUL. WE HOPED THE VISIT WOULD LEAD TO AN EXPANDED
US/SOMALI RELATIONSHIP, WHICH IN TURN WOULD PROMOTE IMPROVED

SOMALI RELATIONS WITH THE WEST GENERALLY. A FOOD AID AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED, AND DISCUSSION HAD STARTED -- AND WOULD CONTINUE -- CONCERNING POSSIBLE HUMANITARIAN AID FOR REFUGEES, ECONOMIC AND (DEFENSIVE ONLY) MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WE WILL WANT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EUROPEANS AND OTHERS CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA AS OUR TALKS PROGRESS.

3. THE US HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO SIAD BARRE THAT FURTHER US ECONOMIC OR MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS DEPENDENT ON EXPLICIT SOMALI ASSURANCES RE RESPECT FOR ALL RPT ALL THREE

EXISTING BORDERS. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE IT IS DIFFICULT POLITICALLY FOR SIAD BARRE TO RENOUNCE HISTORIC SOMALI CLAIMS, THIS IS IMPORTANT VIS-A-VIS KENYA AS WELL AS ETHIOPIA AND DJIBOUTI. ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CHANGE IN THE SOVIET OR CUBAN PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA, HARROP NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF WITHDRAWALS -- INDEED, CUBANS CONTINUED TO ENTER -- BUT AT SAME TIME THERE WAS AS YET NO INDICATION FOREIGN FORCES WOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN ERITREA. IT WAS TOO SOON TO BE SANGUINE ON THIS, HOWEVER, GIVEN EXTENT OF SOVIET/CUBAN INVESTMENT IN ETHIOPIA.

4. NAMIBIA. HARROP NOTED THAT UN CONTACT GROUP HAD RECENTLY PRESENTED PACKAGE OF TRANSITION PROPOSALS TO PARTIES. WHILE CONTACT GROUP WOULD CONTINUE TO URGE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS, IT WAS HARD TO BE TOO OPTIMISTIC. CONFIDENTIAL

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SAWPO IS TAKING A HARD LINE, REFLECTING ITS INTERNAL WEAKNESS AND DIVISIONS; SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION IS TOUGHER FOLLOWING RECENT INCIDENTS; AND THE FRONT LINE STATES, WHILE SUPPORTIVE, CANNOT OR WILL NOT DECISIVELY INFLUENCE NATIONALISTS.

5. RHODESIA. THE US, HARROP STATED, WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK FOR ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE. SOME THOUGHT WAS BEING GIVEN TO CONVENING PATRIOTIC FRONT MEETING FIRST, TO BE FOLLOWED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE. AT PRESENT, "INTERNAL" PLAYERS HAVE INDICATED NO INTEREST IN AN ALL-PARTY MEETING. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT SEEM WILLING TO MEET AGAIN WITH US, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR IF IT IS READY TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL-PARTY CONCLAVE. FOR OUR PART, WE DO NOT BELIEVE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WILL WORK, AND NEED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO GET ALL PARTIES TO THE TABLE. WE WANT "INTERNAL" FACTIONS TO UNDERSTAND THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN IS STILL AVAILABLE TO THEM. THE FRONT LINE STATES ARE PUSHING THE ANGLO-AMERICAN SOLUTION, IN LARGE PART BECAUSE THEY WANT TO PRECLUDE A MILITARY SOLUTION WHICH THEY FEAR WOULD INVOLVE FOREIGN FORCES.

6. EC-9 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA. KIMBERG STATED THAT, FOLLOWING UP ON ITS CODE OF CONDUCT, THE EC-9 HAD DECIDED TO CALL A MEETING OF OECD COUNTRIES IN COPENHAGEN IN MAY OR JUNE. AS ENVISAGED BY DANISH EC PRESIDENCY, THE MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT THE EXPERT LEVEL AND WOULD DISCUSS THE CODE AND "OTHER BUSINESS" RE SOUTH AFRICA. IN RESPONSE TO KIMBERG'S REQUEST FOR US REACTION, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES (AF) HARROP AND EDMONDSON INDICATED THAT 1) WE WOULD BE WILLING

TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CODE AT EXPERTS LEVEL, PROVIDED SUCH A MEETING DID NOT HAVE BUILT-IN EXPECTATION OF A FORMAL AGREEMENT, AND 2) WE WOULD WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT "OTHER BUSINESS" MIGHT ENTAIL. DAS EDMONDSON NOTED
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THAT WE WERE STILL IN PROCESS OF CONSIDERING THE PROS AND CONS OF EFFORTS TO WORK OUT A BROADER MULTILATERAL CODE AND DID NOT HAVE A FINAL POSITION AT THIS TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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